

The Sydney Morning Herald.

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SUMMARY.

Mr. Chamberlain, in addressing the Afrikaner Bond deputation, said his time in the service of the Boer was necessary, and that he had no objection to be tried if his last act of statesmanship united the two white races in South Africa.

Alluding to South African federation, he said he wished he could think it would be to our advantage. As far as he knew, we were almost inclined to be sanguine regarding Cape Colony.

Sir James Mackay, in an address before the London Chamber of Shipping, advocated arbitration on the foreign countries which excluded Britain in its policy in connection with the Macedonian rising.

A brief action brought against the Humberts by a Paris banker, M. Cattaneo, has been dismissed, the court deciding that the charge of usury made against him was not proved.

An American merchant is carrying the necessary documents to Port of Spain, Trinidad, for the vessels which were captured from the Venezuelans during the blockade.

President Castro is said to be uneasy, as he fears the United States may utilize the opportunity to import arms and ammunition.

M. Delcasse, the French Foreign Minister, is trying to arrange a truce between President Loustau and the W. M. F. Morocco who the French consider must be given up.

A sudden break-up of ice in Finland carried 250 fishermen out to sea, and vessels sent out to find them failed to do so. It is feared the men are drowned.

President Roosevelt has signed the bill introduced by Senator Lodge, making anti-trust law applicable to railroads.

Mr. Chamberlain in his interview with the Afrikaner Bond decided to rescind any restriction that gave the Cape towards the peace of Durban and by so doing his task was not absolutely spontaneous and unanimous.

He also complained that the deportation treatment of the racial differences from the Japanese and the Negroes, he said, a quarter of a century ago.

Mr. G. W. Ross, Premier of Ontario, has offered to establish immediately 10,000 British farm labourers in good health in Canada.

The smallpox epidemic of 1901 and 1902 in London got the Metropolitan Asylums' Board £50,000.

At a meeting of the Western Suburbs Ministerial Association, it was resolved to recommend to the church the advisability of assisting in the Dragoon Relief Fund.

Captain Moss was marooned on the New River, Victoria, Nov. 21, 1890, on his voyage round the world, and after four hours had a despatched voyage of 12 days from Hobart.

A cargo of produce left New Zealand yesterday for South Africa in the steamer Kent. The quantity shows a fall of 10 per cent. in the last direct.

A motion was carried at the last meeting of the Public Works Committee in favour of establishing municipal abattoirs, and it was resolved to invite the co-operation of existing abattoirs.

At a general meeting of the Sydney branch of the Motor Trade Association, on Sunday, the New Zealand railway superannuation scheme was discussed, and referred to a conference of delegations.

The outcome of the meeting, Mr. W. H. Anderson, president of the Motor Trade, said, was that bacteriological examination will be necessary to take it to a standstill.

Brigadier-General Pien is now inspecting the roads of New South Wales, and is expected to remain Saturday and Sunday.

The temperature at Bourke yesterday was 10°F. in the shade, and on Sunday it was 101°.

Two cyclists riding in a road race at Yankalilla, Victoria, on Saturday, crashed into collision, and one skull fractured and the collar-bone of the other was broken.

On Saturday, in a rifle match, the Grattan rifles defeated those of Broken Hill West by 5 points.

A great deal of yesterday morning's sitting of the Arbitration Court was taken up in hearing cases where the parties were suing members for arrears of wages.

At a meeting of the joint Parliamentary and general committee of the Liberal and Liberal Australian associations, it was decided that a resolution was passed to present a plan of campaign for submission to next meeting.

An inquiry into the proposal to construct a railway from the Gold Coast to South Granville was instigated by the Public Works Committee.

The length of the line was given as 310 miles, and the estimated cost was set down at \$25,000,000.

A post box has been made by the Postmaster-General, which is to be used on the Estimates as a postbox at Headon.

The estimate of water in Prospect reservoir, on the basis of 200,000,000 gallons per day assumption, was 66 days supply.

As a result of ladies in the Town Hall it was resolved to make a "Drought Saturday" collection on March 14.

There are at the present time more than 400,000 sheep in the dry-districts of the state departing in Burragorang valley.

Sheep are being moved from Molong to the Burragorang valley district, where it is stated pasture exists.

An application has been made to the Premier to resume a deputation to the Board of Health at Burwood. Mr. St. John has held a public meeting on the subject.

Up to yesterday 185 cases of typhoid had been reported in the Commissariat district. The second death due to the epidemic occurred yesterday.

As a result of a recent report to the Board of Health, it is to be hoped that the mortality will be less than 100.

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GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

NEWCASTLE RACES.

TO-DAY, TUESDAY.

A PART SPECIAL TRAIN will run Sydney for Newcastle at 10 a.m., and Newcastle at 11 a.m.

RETURN FARES FROM SYDNEY BY SPECIAL TRAIN—

FIRST-CLASS, 2s, including admission to the Races and Grand Stand.

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The Combined Tickets will be available for return for four days, including the date of issue.

A Return Special Train will leave Newcastle at 3.40 p.m., and arrive at Sydney at 5.20 p.m.

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FOR THE HAWKSWELL RIVER.

Train will leave Sydney at 9.30 a.m., and return at 4 p.m. The boat will occupy five hours.

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Recreations can be obtained on board the steamer.

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No notice can be taken of anonymous communications. Whatever is intended for insertion in that journal must be submitted by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication. No notice will be given of the receipt of manuscripts, nor of the return of manuscripts, nor of the return of proofs.

Business papers please copy.

MEMORIAL.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Sarah Brooks, who departed this life January 1, 1903, inserted by her loving daughter, Jessie, 1903.

BROWN.—In aid and loving memory of our dear son, James George Brown, who departed the life February 1, 1903, inserted by his wife, Mrs. Mary Brown, Thomas and Mabel Brown, Old Botany Bay, New South Wales.

BROOK.—In loving memory of my dear wife, and our dear mother, Mrs. Ann Grooman, who departed this life January 27, 1903, inserted by her loving husband, Mr. and Mrs. Grooman.

CHAMBERS.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. J. J. Chambers, who departed this life January 27, 1903, inserted by her loving son, Mr. C. L. Chambers, and her beloved daughter, Mrs. Charles C. and Kathleen Nellie Chambers.

COOPER.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Anna Cooper, who departed this life January 27, 1903, inserted by her loving son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooper.

FRITH.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Anna Frith, who departed this life January 27, 1903, inserted by her loving son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frith.

GRIFFIN.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Anna Griffin, who departed this life January 27, 1903, inserted by her loving son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffin.

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SPECIAL CABLES.
FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

GERMANY.

KAISER'S COMPARISON OF NAVAL STRENGTH.

THE FOLLY OF THE MAILED FIST.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The "Grenzboten" publishes an article which is supposed to be inspired by the German Emperor with regard to the table of comparative strengths of the German and the British navies, laid before the Reichstag some days ago.

The article implies that this table was designed to impress upon Germans the fatuity of abusing England with clenched fists while she was so vastly superior in naval strength.

When on February 4 a table reported by the German Emperor's own hand was laid before the Reichstag, it was interpreted in England as significant of the ultimate annihilation of the Kaiser. It was suggested that an answer would be made to the table in the form of a memorandum of 15 points, and the establishment of a new naval harbour on the east coast of England.]

THE EMPEROR ON THE HIGHEST CRITICISM.

CONSERVATIVES AND LIBERALS SATISFIED.

ESSENTIALS OF PROTESTANTISM.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The declaration of the German Emperor on the higher criticism has caused a profound sensation throughout Germany.

The conservative press considers that the Kaiser holds to the essentials of the Protestant faith.

The liberal newspapers are satisfied that the Emperor upholds the freedom of scholarly research and speculation while maintaining orthodox teaching for the people.

The patriciate which the German Emperor was brought up to believe in the cause of orthodoxy was by no means won over by his lecture on the subject, but was interpreted as significant of the ultimate annihilation of the Kaiser. It was suggested that an answer would be made to the table in the form of a memorandum of 15 points, and the establishment of a new naval harbour on the east coast of England.]

VENEZUELA.

RETURN OF CAPTURED VESSELS.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The vessels captured from Venezuela by the Allies will be returned to the republic on Monday.

An American gunboat is carrying the necessary Venezuelan officers and men to Port of Spain (Trinidad) for the vessels.

President Castro is uneasy, fearing that the revolutionaries will seize the opportunity to import arms and ammunition.

THE HUMBERT CASES.

A LIBEL ACTION.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The libel action brought by M. Cattani, Paris banker, against the Humberts has been dismissed. The French Court held that the charge of usury against him was made in good faith. M. Cattani was condemned in costs.

Mme. Humbert's confidence is dubious. She interrupted the proceedings by making attacks upon the Government, particularly M. Valéry, Minister for Justice. The cases are creating intense public interest in France.

TERrible DISASTER IN FINLAND.

FEARED LOSS OF 250 FISHERMEN.

SUDDEN BREAK UP OF ICE.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The sudden break up of ice on the Finnish coast carried 250 fishermen to sea. News was carried to Somers and vessels were sent out in search.

The searchers failed to find the drifting floe, and it is feared that all the fishermen are lost.

ANOTHER HARBOUR FOR GIBRALTAR.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The Commissioners of the Admiralty recommend the building of a defensive harbour on the east side of Gibraltar at a cost of £500,000.

The construction of a harbour on the eastern side of Gibraltar and a garrison dock was recommended in June, 1901, by the three members of the committee, Vice-Admiral Sir Harry Rawson, Major-General W. Nicholson, and Mr. Arthur. The Admiralty thereupon decided to ascertain the actual cost and time required for completion of the work. Mr. T. G. Lloyd, one of the three members of the committee did not agree with the report.

BRITISH SHIPPING.

BALTIMORE PROPOSED FOR RESTRAINTS.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Sir James Mackay, in delivering an address at a meeting of the London Chamber of Shipping, advocated restraint on those foreign countries excluding British vessels from interport trade. He instanced in this connection the unjust treatment of British vessels which touched at Honolulu.

PAYMENT FOR BRITISH LABOUR MEMBERS.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The committees appointed by the Conference of Labour Representation in Parliament at its meeting at Newcastle resolved to ask the affiliated societies to contribute £1 per member yearly to pay labour members of the House of Commons £200 a year and 25 per cent. of their election expenses.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

A caravan at Asni-el-Berri, French Sudan, was attacked by 500 Moors who seized 200 loaded camels. French troops have gone in pursuit of the robbers.

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The Premier of Ontario (Mr. G. W. Ross) has offered to establish immediately 10,000 British farm labourers in good homes.

The smallpox epidemic in Loupards at the end of 1901 and the commencement of 1902 cost the Metropolitan Asylums Board £200,000.

The care of the fisheries will shortly be added to the duties of the Board of Agriculture.

CAPE BOMBA.

Arrived inward: Feb. 21. H.M.S. "Grenade" at 10:30 p.m.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

THE AFRIKANDER BOND'S ADDRESS.

UNALTERABLE ATTACHMENT TO GREAT BRITAIN.

HAPPY AUGURY OF PEACE.

A GREAT IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

Mr. Chamberlain, in his speech in reply to the deputation from the Afrikander Bond, said he wished he could think he would live to see the fulfilment of South African federation. He was confident in regard to the rest of South Africa, and was now almost sure of Cape Colony itself.

Mr. Chamberlain added that his time in the active service of the Empire was necessarily drawing to a close, and it would be the greatest happiness of his life if his last act of statesmanship united the two white races.

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The Afrikander Bond, in the address which it presented to Mr. Chamberlain on Friday, professed unalterable attachment to the British connection, and the fervent hope of the federation of South Africa on the model of Australia and Canada.

Mr. Chamberlain said that Mr. Hofmeyr's admirable statement was a hopeful and happy augury of future peace and goodwill.

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WORKERS OF INIQUITY.

BY ARNOLD BENNETT.

PART I.

LORELEY.

CHAPTER III.—Continued.
"Concerns me intimately, does it?" said Arthur.
Sylviane smiled at him through half-closed eyes.
"I can't guess what it is?" he asked her, surmising something from her glances.

"Not a bit. By the way, I have Sims his name, with me, calling you." "It's in my mind, dearest! It was very wrong of me. She pretended to be contrite. He came over and kissed her; one excuse saves as well as another on her honey-moon."

"I am dying to know what it can be," Sylviane murmured. "You may be sure that if it comes it's wonderful, it is!"

"You are right," said Arthur.

"Mamma never exaggerated more than this," Arthur said, and they examined the massive, their two heads dangerously close together. But there was no sign of the play of the other.

"Mamma said she should leave the Keel the day after we left," Sylviane remarked, "and I thought she was going straight to Folkestone. But here she is."

"I am going to Folkestone to—"

"Let's ask Sims where he came from."

"You forgot Sims has gone? By ship, he will be away across Europe for home."

"So he will, my acute darling! The good youth stroked her wondrous hair with a smile. "See you to-morrow, Arthur went below to seek the woman who was seventy and seven times more beautiful than her name."

(To be Continued.)

THE MOUNT KEMBLA DISASTER.

EVIDENCE BEFORE THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

The Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the cause of the disaster which occurred at the Mount Kembla Colliery on July 31 last held another meeting yesterday at the Treasury Buildings.

The Commissioner, Mr. J. H. Murray,

(resigned), Mr. D. A. W. Robertson (manager Metropolitan Colliery), and Mr. D. Ritchie (general manager of the New South Wales Coal Miners' Association) were before the committee.

Mr. Bruce Smith appeared on behalf of the Government; and Mr. Wade, instructed by Messrs. Davies, Barry, and Louis, represented the Mount Kembla Colliery.

"Dr. Colpus is nothing to mamma."

"Quite possibly, my dearest. But he is—I don't know it," said Sylviane, blushing momentarily.

And once more Arthur experienced the curious sensation of being baffled by something in his wife's personality which could not fathom.

"You actually know nothing against him, then," Arthur asked, and said that he had no idea what had caused the explosion.

It was the first time during their honeymoon that she had offered him a career under her roof, and Arthur was struck with the forgetfulness of all external things which should invariably characterize the demeanour of a dove.

Let us talk of something else," Sylviane appealed to him gently. "We have not come to Montreux to discuss Dr. Colpus."

And she ran to the window, he followed.

"The lake is lovely," said Arthur. "I will go to the Woods," he said, replying, taking his hand, and blushing into his eyes with a girlish timidity that sent him wild with ecstasy.

In a quarter of an hour they were off on the sunlit blue, and Dr. Colpus passed off oblivion.

It seemed as though Sylviane could not forget him, and she was anxious about his name's occupied an important position in the letter, that name crept again into their conversation. As thus—

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"Does Dr. Colpus ever do anything by accident?" Arthur asked the surrounding air.

The light went out of Sylviane's eyes.

"I believe you know what the news is," Arthur went on. "I believe you're only teasing me."

"You look awfully self-conscious, you kitten."

He looked kindly at her, but she burst into tears, and had to comfort herself.

On the next day but one they were in Paris, and on the fifth day after receiving the letter they had a long walk in the Tuilleries. The air was little rough, and Sylviane regarded the tiny tress of Boulogne paddle-boats with apprehension.

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"What matter? Mamma can wait."

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